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## **COLLECTION 29: Papers of Colin Brown, 1932-2009**

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## **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Papers of Colin Brown, 1932-2009

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00029

**Creators:**

Brown, Colin (1932-2019)

**Size:**

14 boxes, 7.0 linear feet

**Repository:**

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Fuller Theological Seminary  
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**Provenance:**

The gift of Colin Brown

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Scholarly use with parameters of copyright law

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English

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## Biography

Dr. Colin Brown (1932 - May 4, 2019) was a professor of systematic theology at Fuller Theological Seminary from 1978 – 2015. He was the founding Associate Dean of the Center for Advanced Theological Studies in Fuller's School of Theology, serving in that role from 1988 to 1997. He received the Seminary's C. Davis Weyerhauser Award for excellence in teaching in 1988. In addition to core courses in systematic theology, Dr. Brown also taught advanced seminars on theological method, the politics of Jesus, and contemporary Christology.

Dr. Brown graduated from the University of London (B.D.), University of Nottingham (M.A.) and the University of Bristol (Ph.D.). In 1961, he succeeded J.I. Packer as Lecturer at Tyndale Hall during the turbulent time of the merger of three Evangelical theological colleges to become Trinity College. From 1961 to 1972, he also taught theology at the University of Bristol. During his time at Trinity College he also served as a visiting professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois, Regent College in Vancouver, and Seeheim Theological Seminary in Germany. He was editor of the TSF Bulletin and frequently published articles and reviews in the bulletin and in the Church of England Newspaper.

Dr. Brown ministered to students as a regular speaker at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (now Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship) meetings and conferences in Great Britain in the 1960s and 1970s. He was ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1959, serving as a priest in the Episcopal Church after becoming a US citizen in 1986. From 1988 to 2007 he ministered as an assisting priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Altadena, California. Dr. Brown was affiliated with the Tyndale Fellowship, American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, Society of Christian Philosophers, and the Institute for Biblical Research.

Select bibliography of authored works:

- *Karl Barth and the Christian Message* (1967, 1999),
- *Philosophy and the Christian Faith: A Historical Sketch from the Middle Ages to the Present Day* (1969)
- *Miracles and the Critical Mind* (1984, 2006) – Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association Gold Medallion Award in the Doctrine and Theology category, first place on the Critics' Commended List of Books in the *Los Angeles Times*, and a Logos Book Award
- *Jesus in European Protestant Thought* (1985, 2008) – Finalist for the Philip Scaff Prize of the American Society of Church History
- *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (1986) – Editor
- *Christianity and Western Thought: A History of Philosophers, Ideas, and Movements, Vol. 1: From the Ancient World to the Age of Enlightenment* (1990, 2010)

His most recent research focused in two volumes on *The Quests of the Historical Jesus*, which grew out of his 1993 Hensley Henson Lectures at the University of Oxford. Dr. Brown's books have been translated into French, Portuguese, Romanian, Italian, Korean, and Chinese.

## Scope and Content

The Papers of Colin Brown, 1932-2009 consists of 14 boxes of correspondence with Biblical scholars such as F.F. Bruce, Carl F.H. Henry and G.R. Beasley-Murray conducted during the process of editing of *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (1986); research notes and proofs of *Jesus in European Protestant Thought*, related correspondence from 1972 to 1978; reviews of Brown's publications and other published materials as well as his Systematic Theology and doctoral Seminar course syllabi & lecture notes. The book collection is being integrated into the Fuller Theological Seminary library collections.

### Subjects:

- Fuller Theological Seminary
- Jesus Christ -- Biography
- Theological Students Fellowship
- Theology, Doctrinal
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- University of Nottingham

# Arrangement

The collection is organized into 5 series as follows:

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) Corrections, Proofs and related correspondence.

Series III: Courses taught at Fuller – Lecture notes and Syllabi

Series IV: Publications, reviews and related correspondence – Articles, Conference papers, Writings of Colin Brown, reviews of books by Brown.

Series V: Biographical items including University of London exam papers, clippings, and mementos from all periods of Colin Brown's career. 6

## Box Inventory

### **Box 1: Correspondence**

Folder No.	Date
1.1	1971, 1972
1.2	1973
1.3	1974
1.4	1975 (January – May)
1.5	1975 (June- December)
1.6	1976

### **Box 2: Correspondence, Course Syllabus & Lecture Notes**

Folder No.	Item
2.1	Correspondence, 1977
2.2	Correspondence, 1977- 78
2.3	Correspondence, Zondervan (History and Faith )
2.4	Correspondence, Zondervan (NIDNTT)
	<b>Syllabi and Lecture Notes</b>
2.5	Syllabus: ST501, Systematic Theology I ( Theology & Anthropology)
2.6	Systematic Theology I – Lecture Notes
2.7	Syllabus: ST502, Systematic Theology II ( Christology & Soteriology)
2.8	Systematic Theology II – Lecture Notes
2.9	Syllabus: ST503, Systematic Theology III ( Ecclesiology & Eschatology)
2.10	Systematic Theology III – Lecture Notes
2.11	Seminar Syllabus : Theological Methods
2.12	Seminar Syllabus : Contemporary Christology I, 2006
2.13	Seminar Syllabus : Contemporary Christology II
2.14	Seminar Syllabus: Politics of Jesus

### **Box 3: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) – Corrections, and Articles by Colin Brown**

Folder No.	Title
3.1	NIDNTT – Corrections
3.2	NIDNTT – Corrections
3.3	NIDNTT – Corrections
3.4	NIDNTT – Corrections
	<b>Articles</b>
3.5	The Age of Enlightenment & Schleiermacher's Achievements
3.6	Haacker, Klaus – Samaria & Samaritaner
3.7	Jesus in European Thought
3.8	Report on Scientology
3.9	Resurrection
3.10	Thompson, Thomas L. – Historicity of the Patriarchal Narratives

**Box 4: NIDNTT & Other Proofs**

Folder No.	Title
4.1	Proofs of – Philosophy & the Christian Faith Bradford Bellevue BHS Magazine Escape from Reason (both in Oversize map drawer #4)
4.2	NIDNTT – final Proof.
4.3	NIDNTT – Glossary
4.4	Luke – Proof
4.5	Luke – Proof

**Box 5: NIDNTT Proof – Set 1**

Folder No.	Title
5.1	A-D
5.2	E, F
5.3	G
5.4	H-J

**Box 6: NIDNTT Proof – Set 1**

Folder No.	Title
6.1	K, L
6.2	M, N
6.3	O

**Box 7: NIDNTT Proof – Set 1**

Folder No.	Title
7.1	P
7.2	Q-R
7.3	S
7.4	T-Z

**Box 8: NIDNTT Proof – Set 2**

**Box 9: Articles, including Church of England Newspaper articles; Conference papers, including North Park Conference, 1991; and reviews of books by Colin Brown.**

**Box 10: Articles and Reviews of Colin Brown books**

Folder	Item
1	Book reviews by Colin Brown
2	List of articles and reviews as of October 2005
3	9 Fascicles of <i>TSF Bulletin</i> , 1964-1966
4	Articles for the Tyndale Family Bible Encyclopedia
5	Miracles in a Critical Age for <i>Catalyst</i> April 1983
6	Articles and reviews with correspondence attached



7	“The Hermeneutics of Confession and Accusation” CTJ 30 (1995)
8	Articles for the Lion Handbook of Christian History
9	Articles for the Dictionary of Christian Theology
10	Enlightenment article for <i>Christianity Today</i>
11	Scripture and Christology: A Protestant Look at the Work of the Pontifical Biblical Commission
12	Biographical article <i>Moody Monthly</i> May 1988. “Influences” by Colin Brown, and Olive Brown, for <i>Theology News &amp; Notes</i> Nov 1987.
13	Articles for Baker House <i>Evangelical Dictionary of Theology</i>
14	Reviews of Colin Brown’s books
15	Reviews of <i>Miracles and the Critical Mind</i>
16	Reviews of <i>That You May Believe</i>
17	Reviews of <i>History and Faith</i>
18	Reviews of <i>History, Criticism and Faith</i>
19	Reviews of <i>Christianity and Western Thought</i>
20	Reviews of <i>Jesus in European Protestant Thought</i>
21	Reviews of New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology

### Box 11: Biographical Items

Folder	Item
	<i>Church Times</i> 1967
1	First CATS placard, Colin Brown, Associate Dean
2	University of London Examination Papers, 1953, 1955, 1959, Preliminary Exam in Divinity, 1969.
3	Materials from time of teaching in England
3	Material pertaining to the merger of theological colleges
4	Letter from Colin Brown regarding archival materials
5	List of publications of Colin Brown
6	Clipping, Jesus Seminar
	National Evangelical Anglican Congress at Keele, 1967. List of delegates.
	Tyndale Hall, Bristol. College Prospectus.
	Article: Presuppositions in Christendom: Anglicanism
	Program: Fifth International Congress on Biblical Studies, Oxford, Sept 1973 – List of members, lectures, and schedule.
	Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963
	Parliamentary Debates: House of Lords official report Vol. 260 No. 98 (13 July 1964) Vestures of Ministers Measure.
	Pastoral Measure 1968 No. 1
7	Miscellaneous papers and memos

### Box 12: Books and Articles by Colin Brown

#	Title
1	<i>Karl Barth and the Christian Message</i>
2	<i>Creative Minds in Contemporary Theology: Charles Gore</i>
3	“Bultmann Revisited” reprint from <i>The Churchman</i> 88.3 (1974)
4-6	New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology
7	<i>Miracles and the Critical Mind</i>
8	<i>Jesus in European Protestant Thought</i>

9	"Synoptic Miracle Stories" in <i>Forum</i> 2.4 (Dec 1986)
10	"Miracle" in <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i>
11	"Trinity and Incarnation" in <i>Ex Auditu</i> v.7 (1991)
12	"Person of Christ" in <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i>
13	"Scripture and Christology" in <i>Perspectives on Christology: Essays in Honor of Raul K. Jewett</i>
15	"The Gates of Hell and the Church" in <i>Church, Word &amp; Spirit: Historical and Theological Essays in Honor of Geoffrey W. Bromiley</i>
16	"The Gates of Hell: An Alternative Approach" Society of Biblical Literature 1987 Seminar Papers.
17	"The Unjust Steward" in <i>Worship, Theology and Ministry in the Early Church: Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin</i>
18	The Doctrine of the Trinity and the Shape of the Christological Question
19	"The Teaching Office of the Church" in <i>The Churchman</i> 83.3 (1969)
20	<i>History and Faith: A Personal Exploration</i>
21	<i>Christianity and Western Thought</i>
22	"The Hermeneutical Significance of 1 Cor. 2:6-16" (translation) in <i>Tradition and Interpretation in the New Testament: Essays in Honor of E. Earle Ellis</i> .
<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	"Introduction" by Colin Brown – Theology News & Notes, March 1989
2	CATS handbook and information 1992
3	CATS handbook and newsletters 1996

### **Box 13: Addendum: J.I. Packer Correspondence and Other Letters**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	Fuller Graduate Studies Program evaluation, brochures for Ph.D.
2	J.I. Packer/Colin Brown correspondence
3	Letters 1956-2006 and miscellaneous papers
4	Oxford Summer School in Religious Studies letter and brochures
5	Liddon, <i>Life of Pusey</i> , 4 vols. Explanation of the signature, E. Lincoln, in vol. 1

### **Box 14: Addendum: Lectures on CD**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	Retirement luncheon remarks by Betsy Colin and V. Karkkainen and Olive Brown's obituary
CD	CD's of ST501: Theology & Anthropology, Fall 2005; Winter 2008; Winter 2009
CD	CD of ST502: Christology & Soteriology, Spring 2007
CD	CD of ST503: Ecclesiology & Eschatology, Fall 2005
CD	CD of ST533: Politics of Jesus, Spring 2008
Box	Colin Brown Business cards
Binder	Scholarly report on Scientology, compiled by Colin Brown, 1979